

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Anthony E. ZORTEA

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Examiner: Juan A. Torres

Title: NEAR-END CROSS-TALK AND ECHO AVOIDER FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time to respond to the Office Action (Paper No. 11232004) dated January 10, 2005 for a period of one (1) month from April 10, 2005 to and including May 10, 2005.

Attached hereto is a responsive amendment and our check payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks in the amount of \$ 120.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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In the event this check is unacceptable, insufficient or is omitted, kindly charge the additional or entire cost, as appropriate, of this extension to my deposit account number 13-3083. To facilitate that charge, a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

April 15, 2005

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